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1. **Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the 2007 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

High-level segment

2. **Creating an environment at the national and international levels conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development**

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 2005/313)

World Economic and Social Survey, 2006 (chap. I)

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session (Council decision 2005/306)

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 2004/323)

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. **Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation**

(a) **Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly**[1]

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (Assembly resolutions 35/81, 59/250, para. 22 and Council resolution 2005/7)[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation (Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 23)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 102, and Council resolution 2005/7)

Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (Council resolution 1998/27, para. 4)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2005 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2006 (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2005 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2006 (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51) (E/2006/6)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2005 sessions (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Coordination segment

4. Sustained economic growth for social development, including the eradication of poverty and hunger

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 2005/221)

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (Assembly resolution 60/124 and Council resolution 2005/4)[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for El Salvador and Guatemala (Assembly resolution 60/220)[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the South Asian earthquake disaster — Pakistan (Assembly resolution 60/13)[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster (Assembly resolution 60/15)[2]

General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major international United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2005/48) (see also item 8)

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (Assembly resolution 58/230 and Council resolution 2004/64)

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (Assembly resolution 60/228 and Council resolution 2005/44)[2]

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-sixth session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2005

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009 (Council resolution 1988/77 and Assembly resolution 58/269)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-sixth session

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2005/12)

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (Council resolution 2005/46)

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (Assembly resolution 60/140 and Council resolution 2005/31) (see also item 14 (a))

(f) Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

Documentation

Annual report of the Secretary-General on the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force (Council decision 2001/210)

(g) Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on further assessment of lessons learned from the experience of the ad hoc advisory groups, including progress made in the implementation of their mandate (Council resolution 2004/59)

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (Council resolution 2005/32)

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi (Council resolution 2005/33)

(h) Tobacco or health

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (Council resolution 2004/62)

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2005/48) (see also item 6)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Assembly resolution 60/126 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[2]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2005/49)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the Council (Council resolution 2005/49)

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1979/1)

Economic trends as well as risks and opportunities for the economies in the Economic Commission for Europe region

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2005

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2006

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2005

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2006-2007

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2005/51[2]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2006 (Council agreed conclusions 2002/1 and decision 2005/305) (see also under item 14)

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fourteenth session (Council decisions 1993/207 and 2005/229)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46). At its resumed substantive session of 2005, the Council deferred consideration of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session to a later date, with a view to concluding its deliberations before the commencement of the eighth session of the Committee (Council decision 2005/306)

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session (Assembly resolution 46/235, annex, and Council decision 2005/309)

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-seventh session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2005/244)

(d) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council decision 2005/298)

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session (Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)[2]

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-ninth session (Assembly resolution 48/128 and Council decision 2005/245)

(g) Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its fifth session (Council resolution 2005/55)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its second session, to be held in Geneva from 4 to 8 December 2006 (Council resolution 2004/69) (the report will be considered at a later date due to the late dates of the second session of the Committee)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its sixth session (Council resolutions 2000/35 and 2005/29)

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(k) Cartography

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the twenty-third session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Vienna, 28 March to 4 April 2006 (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV) and Council decision 2004/303)

Report of the Secretary-General on the seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, 18 to 22 September 2006 (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV) and Council decision 2004/304) (the report will be considered at a later date due to the late dates of the Conference)

(l) Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fiftieth session (Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

14. Social and human rights questions

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2006 (Council agreed conclusions 2002/1 and Council decision 2005/305) (see also item 13)

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fiftieth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and Council decision 2005/299)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.67 and Council resolution 2005/31) (see also item 7 (e))[2]

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[2]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolutions 1998 (LX) and 2003/57)

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fourth session (Council resolution 10 (III) and Council decision 2005/235)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its fifteenth session (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 2005/249)

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-ninth session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2005/250)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Assembly resolution 60/128)

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixty-second session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[2]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Assembly resolution 48/141)[2]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fifth session (Council decision 2005/254)

II. Questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2007 and list of documents for each agenda item[3]

Substantive session of 2007

A. High-level segment

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2007

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (Assembly resolutions 35/81, 53/192, 56/201 and 59/250, para. 103)[2]

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2006 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2007 (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2006 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2007 (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2006 sessions (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes

[Theme/themes to be selected]

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

E. General segment

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (Assembly resolution 60/228 and Council resolution 2005/44)[2]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee on World Food Security (Council resolution 1999/212)

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-seventh session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2006

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-seventh session

Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (Council resolution 2005/47)

Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2008 and 2009 (Council decision 52 (LVII))

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[2]

Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1979/1)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Report of the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa on the follow-up to the project for a Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 2005/34)

Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fifteenth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (Council resolution 2005/42)

Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its tenth session (Assembly resolution 46/235, annex)

United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session (Council resolution 2000/35)

Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fortieth session (Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 1995/209)

Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session (Council resolution 2001/45 and 2003/60)

Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-eighth session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth regular session (Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[2]

Report of Secretary-General on protection against products harmful to health and the environment (Assembly resolution 39/229 and Council resolution 2004/55)[2]

Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (Assembly resolution 56/206)[2]

Cartography

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

Transport of dangerous goods

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolution 2005/53)

Social and human rights questions

Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[2]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fifth session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7)

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixteenth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fiftieth session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Assembly resolutions 58/153, 59/172 and 60/128)

Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixty-third session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[2]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[2]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its sixth session (Council resolution 2000/22)

Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on genetic privacy and non-discrimination (Council resolution 2004/9)

Notes

[1] The Council will also have before it under item 3 (a) the report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2003 (A/60/74-E/2005/57) and the report of the Secretary-General on funding options and modalities for financing operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/60/83-E/2005/72) (Assembly resolution 59/250, paras. 22 and 24, and draft decision A/C.2/60/L.30).

[2] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

[3] The list of questions will be revised in the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work for 2005.